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TO ALL

His Majesties Native Subjects in General:

THE

Publique Declaration and Invitation of the Company of Royal Adventurers *of* England *Trading into* Africa.

WHereas the Kings most Excellent Majesty hath seriously considered what Profit and Honour did formerly accrew to His good Subjects by the Trade of *Africa*, while the same was supported, and regulated by the Authority of the Charters granted by His Majesties Royal Predecessors; and His Majesty finding that of late years the Sovereign influence of those Charters hath not had its former good Effects, by reason of the universal intestine Confusion of the Times; by the advantage whereof, other Nations have taken confidence so far to invade and disturb His Majesties Subjects in the said Trade, that it is in danger utterly to be lost to this Nation, and thereby His Majesties Dominions in *America* in apparent hazard to be rendred useless in their growing Plantations, through want of that usual supply of Servants which they have hitherto had from *Africa*; which mischief cannot be prevented but by His Majesties Re-establishing the said Trade, and erecting a Corporation under the special Protection of His Royal Authority, consisting of such persons of Honour and Experience, as may by a considerable Joynt-Stock, and Common Counsel, vigorously assert the Right thereof.

And His Majesty having to that end been graciously pleased to grant

to His Royal Highneſs the Duke of *York*, and others, (who have already formed and employed a Joynt-Stock of *ſeventeen thouſand and four hundred pounds*) His Letters Patents for the Incorporation and Rugulation of the whole Trade of *Africa* from *Cape Blanc* to *Cape de bona Eſperanza*: His Royal Highneſs therefore, and the reſt of the Royal Company, deſiring to communicate the advantage of the ſaid Trade to all His Majeſties Subjects in general, thought fit to give notice, and do hereby give notice, and publiſh to all His Majeſties native Subjects of *England*;

That all or any of them that live within the City of *London*, or twenty miles thereabouts, may at any time before the twentieth day of *October* next enſuing the date hereof, and thoſe that live in other parts of the Kingdom before the fifth of *November* following, freely be admitted into the ſaid Corporation and Joynt-Stock, ſubſcribing at leaſt four hundred pounds reſpectively to be paid to ſuch Treaſurers as ſhall be thereunto appointed; The one half thereof on or before the firſt of *December*; the other half on or before the firſt of *March* next following.

And to that end a Book ſhall lie open for the ſaid Subſcriptions, during the time aforeſaid, at the *Inſurance-Office* in the *Royal Exchange* in *London*, every day from eight to twelve of the clock in the morning; before ſuch Subſcriptions, they ſhall find ſuch equal and indifferent Agreements prefixed, as may ſatisfie all rational perſons, that nothing is deſigned but Publick Good, and the juſt Right of every Individual intereſſed.

Dated at Whitehall,
January. 12. 1662.

By Order of the Company of Royal Adventurers into Africa,

ELLIS LEIGHTON, *Secret.*

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The Condition for Subscriptions.

WE whose Names are hereunder written, do hereby promise and engage our selves, to adventure these several sums of Money by us subscribed, to be imployed (by Gods assistance) in a Joynt-stock in the Trade of *Africa*, according to such conditions as is hereafter expressed, and as shall be further thought fit by the generality of Adventurers at any Court hereafter to be holden by them, or the major part of them that shall be present.

And we do by our said subscriptions, oblige our selves, our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, to pay to the Treasurer, or Treasurers of the Company of Royal Adventurers into *Africa*, or to such as shall be thereunto appointed for this Joynt-stock, the several sums of Money by us hereafter particularly subscribed, according to these dayes prefixed; to wit, the one half thereof on or before the first of *December*, and the other half on or before the first of *March* next following, or within ten daies at the furthest after each of the said fixed daies of payment.

Otherwise it shall be free for the Company to exclude us from their Society; and notwithstanding such exclusion, to recover the Moneys by us subscribed, according to our Obligation, by our subscription.

And we the Subscribers do severally further agree, that at the end, or expiration of seven years, to commence from the time of the first payment aforesaid, then by a Committee who shall be chosen by the generality of Adventurers for that purpose, a just and indifferent valuation shall be made of all the remains of Stock then undivided, whereby any Adventurer that shall please to draw forth his Remains, may be paid the same in money according to that valuation at three six months time: And it is also agreed, That the like indifferent valuation of all Remains of Stock, as aforesaid, shall be duly made once in every three years, after the expiration of the aforesaid seven years, and the same liberty as aforesaid to the Adventurers.

And we the several Subscribers do severally further agree, That any Adventurer, who shall be present at any General Court, shall vote, and rule in the Government of this Stock and Trade according to his Adventure, that is, for every four hundred pounds adventure to have one Vote.

And we the ſaid ſeveral Subſcribers do hereby further agree, and engage our ſelves, that if at any time during the continuance of this Stock, it ſhall duly appear that any of us ſhall uſe any other Trade to the parts of *Africa* (contained in the Patent) than in the Joynt-ſtock, or what ſhall be allowed of by the Committees of the Stock, that in ſuch caſe, that perſon, or perſons ſo trading in a Clandeſtine manner, contrary to this our intention, he or they ſhall wholly loſe and forfeit all their Stock or Adventure, and the ſame ſhall go to to uſe of the reſt of the Adventurers in general.

And we the ſeveral Subſcribers do hereby further agree, That the mannagement of the whole Trade ſhall be committed to a competent number of the Intereſſed, to be Elected by the generality of the Adventurers.

And that the Committee (ſo Elected) ſhall not ſell any Goods (whatſoever) that ſhall be received from beyond the Seas by any particular contract, but publickly by the Candle only.

And that no Dividend of any profit of the ſaid Stock ſhall be made in Goods, but in money onely.

Dated at *Whitehall*,
January 12.
1662.

By Order of the Company of Royal Adventurers into Africa.

ELLIS LEIGHTON, *Secret.*

To His Majesties Native Subjects of *England*, resident in any of His Majesties Dominions of *America*.

The Publick Declaration and Invitation of the Company of Royal Adventurers of England *trading into* Africa.

WHereas the Kings most Excellent Majesty hath seriously considered what Profit and Honour did formerly accrue to his good Subjects by the Trade of *Africa*, while the same was supported and regulated by the Authority of the Charters granted by his Majesties Royal Predecessors, and his Majesty finding that of late years the Soveraign Influence of those Charters hath not had its former good effects, by reason of the Universal intestine confusion of the Times: By the advantage whereof, other Nations have taken confidence so far to invade, and disturb his Majesties Subjects in the said Trade, that it is in danger utterly ro be lost to this Nation, and thereby his Majesties Dominions in *America* in apparent hazard to be rendred useless in their growing Plantations, through want of that usual supplie of Servants, which they have hitherto had from *Africa*; which mischief cannot be prevented, but by his Majesties re-establishing the said Trade, and erecting a Corporation under the special Protection of his Royal authoritie, consisting of such Persons of Honour and Experience, as may by a considerable Joynt-stock, and Common-Council, vigorously assert the Right thereof.

And his Majestie having to that end been graciously pleased to grant his Royal Highness the Duke of *York*, and others, (who have already formed, and employed a very considerable Stock) his Letters Patents for the Incorporation and Regulation of the whole Trade of *Africa*; His Royal Highness therefore, aud the rest of the Royal Companie, desiring to communicate the advantage of the said Trade to all his Majesties Subjects in general, thought fit to give notice, and do hereby give notice, and publish to all his Majesties native Subjects of *England*,

land, resident in any of his Majesties Dominions of *America*, that if any of the Inhabitants of the said respective Dominions and Plantations that are Native *English* Subjects, shall within one Month after the publication hereof within the same, subscribe a Stock of Four hundred pounds *sterling* at the least, under the annexed Conditions, (which are the same *mutatis mutandis*, as all the Adventurers have under written here at home) they shall be Received and Registred accordingly as Partners in the Joynt Capitall and Trade of the Company. Provided, that they order the several Sums by them subscribed to be effectually paid in here in *London*, to the Treasurer of the Company within One Years time of the Date hereof, together with the Interest for the same, after the Rate of Six *per cent. per annum*, from the first day of *March* next, at which time the Adventurers Resident here are to make the last payment of what they have Undertaken for.

WE whose Names are here under-written, do hereby promise and engage our selves to adventure these several sums of Money by us subscribed, to be imployed (by Gods assistance in a Joynt-stock in the Trade of Africa, *according to such conditions as is hereafter expressed, and as shall be further thought fit by the generality of Adventurers at any Court hereafter to be holden by them, or the major part of them that shall be present.*

And we do by our said Subscriptions, oblige our Selves, our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, to pay to the Treasurers of the Company of Royal Adventurers into Africa, *or to such as shall be thereunto appointed for this Joynt-stock, the several sums of Money by Us hereafter particulary subscribed, on or before the* 12th. *day of* January 1663. *together with Interest of* 6 per cent. per annum, *from the first day of* March 1662.

Otherwise it shall be free for the Company to exclude Us from their Society; and notwithstanding such exclusion, to recover the Moneys by us subscribed, according to our Obligation, by our subscription.

And we the Subscribers do severally further agree, that at the end or expiration of seven years, to commence from the time of the first payment aforesaid, then by a Committee who shall be chosen by the generalitie of Adventurers for that purpose, a just and indifferent valuation shall be made of all the remains of Stock then undivided, whereby any Adventurer *that shall please to draw forth his Remains, may be paid the same in Money according*

cording to that valuation at three ſix Months time : and it is alſo agreed, That the like indifferent valuation of all Remains of Stock, as aforeſad, ſhall be duly made once in every three years, after the expiration of the aforeſaid ſeven years, and the ſame libertie as aforeſaid to the Adventurers.

And we the ſeveral Subſcribers do ſeverally further agree, That any Adventurer, who ſhall be preſent at any General Court, ſhall vote, and rule in the Government of this Stock and Trade according to his Adventure, that is, for every Four Hundred pounds Adventure to have one Vote.

And we the ſaid ſeveral Subſcribers do hereby further agree, and engage our ſelves, that if at any time during the continuance of this Stock, it ſhall duly appear, that any of us ſhall uſe any other Trade to the parts of Africa *(contained in the Patent) than in the Joynt-ſtock, or what ſhall be allowed of by the Court of Aſſiſtants, that in ſuch caſe, that perſon, or perſons ſo trading in a Clandeſtine manner, contrarie to this our intention, he or they ſhall wholly loſe and forfeit all their Stock or Adventure, and the ſame ſhall go to the uſe of the reſt of the Adventurers in general.*

And that no Goods (whatſoever) that ſhall be received from beyond the Seas ſhall be ſold by any particular Contract, but publickly by the Candle onely.

And that no Dividend of any Profit of the ſaid Stock ſhall be made in Goods, but in Money onely.

By order of the Company of Royal Adventurers into *Africa.*

Dated at *Whitehall* *January* 12. 1662.

ELLIS LEIGHTON, *Secret.*

The

The Letter of His Royal Highneſs the Duke of York, *and the reſt of the Company of* Royal Adventurers *of* England *Trading to* Africa; *To the Right Honourable* Francis *Lord* Willoughby *of* Parham, *Lieutenant General and Chief Governour in and over all His Majeſties Iſlands, Colonies, and Plantations, commonly called, The* Charibee Iſlands *in* America.

My Lord,

THe Royal Company being very ſenſible how neceſſary it is that the *Engliſh* Plantations in *America* ſhould have a competent and a conſtant ſupply of *Negro-ſervants* for their own uſe of Planting, and that at a moderate Rate, have already ſent abroad, and ſhall within eight days diſpatch ſo many Ships for the Coaſt of *Africa* as ſhall by Gods permiſſion furniſh the ſaid Plantations with at leaſt 3000 *Negroes*, and will proceed from time to time to provide them a conſtant and ſufficient ſucceſſion of them, ſo as the Planter ſhall have no juſt cauſe to complain of any Want: And for the Price, and terms of Payment, they have for the preſent reſolved, to order all their Servants and Factors not to ſell any *Negroes* higher than is expreſſed in this following *Reſolve.*

Reſolved, THat Orders be given to the Factors in the Plantations of the *Charibee* Iſlands, to *ſell all Blacks* that are found in Lotts (as hath been *cuſtomary*) at *L.* 17. *ſterling p.* head in money (*ps.* of $\frac{8}{8}$ *Sivil* and *Mexico* at 4. *ſh.*) or Bills of Exchange for *England* with good aſſurance of payment, or at 2400 *l.* of well cured *Muſcovado* Sugar in Cask, with expreſs condition, that no *Blacks* be delivered without preſent *payment* in Money, Bills, or Sugar, viewed and accepted by the Factors, or in Cotton, or Indico, according to the price currant between them and Sugar.

And do deſire your Lordſhip, that you *will be pleaſed* to *communicate* theſe Reſolutions of the *Company* to your reſpective *Deputies* in *all* His *Majeſties American Dominions* under your Lordſhips Government, and direct them to publiſh the

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ſame within their *reſpective Limits* and *Juriſdictions*, and to gather from the Planters and Inhabitants, and to tranſmit to us as ſoon as they conveniently can, the *certain number* of *Negroes* which they deſire, and *will engage* to receive *yearly* from Us on thoſe reaſonable *Terms* propoſed, that ſo we may proportion our Care for them accordingly.

And further, The *Company* doth deſire your *Lordſhip* to *order* this *incloſed Paper of Conditions* to be declared by your *reſpective Deputies*, in the moſt uſual manner, and to receive ſuch *Subſcriptions* as ſhall be accordingly made, and to tranſmit to us Authentique Copies of them by the firſt Paſſage that ſhall preſent for *England*, after the time of ſubſcribing is expired.

Dated at *Whitehall*, *January* 10. 1662.

By Order of the Royal Company:

ELLIS LEIGHTON, *Secret.*

To all His Majeſties Native Subjects of England; *The Publick Declaration and Invitation of the Company of* Royal Adventurers *of* England *Trading to* Africa.

WHereas His moſt Excellent Majeſty for the Reaſons declared in our former publick and general Invitation, hath been graciouſly pleaſed to grant his new Letters Patents to His Royal Highneſs the Duke of *York*, and others (therein mentioned) for the Government of the Trade of *Africa* from *Sally* incluſive, to the *Cape de Bona Eſperanza*, under a Joynt-Stock, and hath enlarged the Powers and Priviledges of the ſaid Company; and hath according to his accuſtomed Royal Univerſal Care of all his good Subjects, now made it a *National Company*, under the Name and Title of THE COMPANY OF ROYAL ADVENTURERS OF ENGLAND TRADING TO AFRICA.

The ſaid Company in Conformity to the ſaid Royal Intention of His Majeſty, and to evidence to the whole World, that they intend not to confine the Benefit of the ſaid Trade to a Few, or exclude any from it that will be governed; Notwithſtanding that they have already a Sub-

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ſcription of a competent ſum of Money, that may anſwer to the neceſſary Occaſions of the Trade, and have already diſpatched a very conſiderable number of Ships, and ſufficient *Cargoes* for the preſent ſupply of the reſpective Markets of that Coaſt: Yet they do hereby once more invite all His Majeſties Native Subjects of *England* in general inhabiting in the City of *London*, or within twenty miles thereof, within a Month of the Date hereof, and all others without thoſe Limits within two Months, to ſubſcribe by themſelves, or their Attorneys, what ſum or ſums they ſhall pleaſe to adventure in the ſaid Joynt-ſtock, to which, and the freedom of the ſaid Company, they ſhall be admitted without any Fine, on the Conditions and Terms following, which are but equal to thoſe on which the preſent Members have been admitted.

That is to ſay,

THat every man ſhall ſubſcribe what ſum he pleaſeth, not under Fifty pounds: and that whatſoever ſhall not exceed Four hundred pounds, ſhall be paid unto the Treaſurer of the Company within eight days after ſuch under-writing.

And that for what any part of any mans Subſcription ſhall exceed Four hundred pounds, he ſhall have Terms of payment for the ſame in eight Quarterly portions, commencing the twenty fourth of June *next.*

And to this end the Book ſhall lie open for ſuch Subſcriptions in the *Glaſs-houſe* in *Broad ſtreet*, *London*, during the time aforeſaid, every week day from eight to twelve of the clock in the forenoon, and from three to five in the afternoon.

Dated at *Whitehall*, *Febr.* 16. 1662.

By Order of the Company of Royal Adventurers of England *Trading to* Africa.

ELLIS LEIGHTON, *Secret.*

A List of the *Royal Adventurers* of *England* Trading into *Africa*.

The KINGS Most Excellent MAJESTY.
The QUEENS MAJESTY.
His Royal Highness the DUKE of YORK.
His Highness PRINCE RUPERT.

A.

The Duke of Albemarle
The Earl of St. Albans
Earl of Anglesey
Lord Arlington
Lord Ashley
Sir Allen Appesley
Col. William Ashburneham
Mr. John Ayres.

B.

The Duke of Buckingham
The Earl of Bath
Lord Bellasis
John *L.* Berckley
Henry Brounkerd *Esq;*
Edward Backwell *Esq;*
Alderman John Bence
Mr. Alex. Bence
Mr. John Ball
Mr. Birkhead
Mr. John Buckworth.

C.

The Earl of Carlisle
William *Earl of* Craven
William *L.* Crofts
Sir George Carteret
Sir William Coventry
The Executors of Sir John Colleton
The Executors of Sir Nicholas Crispe
Sir Anthony Craven
Capt. George Cock
Mr. William Cutler
Mr. Thomas Cullum
Mr. John Collvill
Thomas Crispe *Esq;*
Mr. Jeremy Copping
Capt. Edward Crispe
Mr. Thomas Childe
Mr. John Conny.

D.

Sir William Davison
Mr. Francis Dashwood.

F.

The Countess of Falmouth
Sir Richard Ford
Sir Philip Frowd
Mr. Robert Foley.

G.

Thomas Grey *Esq;*
Col. Ranald Graham
Sir Dennis Gawden.

H.

Lord Hawley
William Harbert *Esq;*
Mr. James Hore.

J.

Mr. Henry Johnſon.

K.

Thomas Killigrew *Eſq;*

L.

The Earl of Lawtherdale
Lord Lucas
Sir Charles Littleton
Sir Ellis Leighton
Sir John Lawrence
Sir John Lawther
Col. William Legg
Chriſtopher Lawther *Eſq;*
Mr. Robert Lee
John Letten.

M.

Sir Anthony de Marces.
Sir James Modyford
Sir Thomas Modyford
Alderman Francis Meynel
Mr. Richard Middleton
Mr. Richard Mountney
Mr. Henry More.

N.

The Execut. of Sir Martin Noell
Edward Noell *Eſq;*
Thomas Neall *Eſq;*

P.

The Earl of Peterburgh
Edward Prodgers *Eſq;*
Thomas Povey *Eſq;*
Charles Porter *Eſq;*
Mr. Peter Proby.
Mr. John Portman.

R.

Duke of Richmond.
Sir John Robinſon
Sir William Rider
Sir Andrew Riccard.
Tobias Ruſtat *Eſq;*
The Execut. of Mr. William Rombald
Mr. Roſſe
Mr. George Robinſon.

S.

The Earl of Sandwich
Sir Charles Sidley
Sir John Shaw
Sir James Shane
The Execut. of Sir George Smith
Edward Seymor *Eſq;*
Mr. John Sweeting
Mr. George Snell
The Execut. of Mr. Francis Simpſon
Mr. Arnold Sartillon.

T.

Sir Edward Turner
Capt. William Thomas.
Mr. George Toriano.
Mr. James Temple.

V.

The Execut. of Sir Thomas Viner
Sir Robert Viner.

W.

Brome Whorwood *Eſq;*
Sir William Warren
Sir John Wolſtenholme
Matthew Wrenn *Eſq;*
Joſeph Williamſon *Eſq;*
Mr. Francis Warner
John Wolſtenholme *Eſq;*

Y.

Mr. John Young.

By Order of the Company of Royal Adventurers of England *Trading into* Africa.

ELLIS LEIGHTON, *Secret.*